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Dear Joshua:

On looking further into the background of the concept of crimes against humanity, I find my recollection confirmed that it has a considerable and checkered past. There is a meaning, stemming mainly from the Nurenberg trials, which has wide acceptance. A number of attempts have been made to use the concept politically, however, as in the case of nuclear weapons and, in fact, in connection with CBW. The enclosed excerpts from reports on the subject may be of interest. I think we would do well to stay away from the term.

Sincerely

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Enclosures:

Excerpts re crimes against humanity

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